



# The Weekly Buzz



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## Happy Valentine's Day!

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### Valograms for Valentine's

Reporter Maxx Karl

Major changes have been happening all over the campus, as is obvious with the entire old gym missing! Due to the lack of storage and room to set everything up, the Valograms that so many students have held near and dear have been modified to the petite goody bag offered have this year. Containing a can of Strawberry Crush, a

box of conversation hearts, a sucker, a toy gorilla with a message on a heart, and a small heart shaped mylar balloon on a stick - , this whole set of Valentine wares is only \$5! What is to be done with the proceeds has not yet been determined.

Remember, Valograms are still being accepted in the office and with Mrs. Cleveland. If you would like to purchase a Valogram please get a form.

Be sure to celebrate this Valentine's Day by getting a Valogram for that special someone!

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### The Bell County

#### Youth Fair

Reporter Maycee Anderson

The Bell County Youth Fair is an event held annually at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton. This year's dates were February 9-10th. The fair awards students in the area with "life-changing" scholarships to those that qualify. Last year, the fair rewarded over \$25,000 in scholarships to participants. Many of Holland's students participated in the fair and had a wonderful time! Here are some of our students who placed this year:

- Sophomore Jo Carter placed 3rd with her pig and qualified for the sale.
- Sophomore Raena Nicholson placed 8th and 9th with her sheep.
- Sophomore Megan DePew placed 3rd with her york pig, grand champion with her carcass pig and champion with her chocolate zucchini bread.
- Junior Jessica Dague placed 8th with her peanut butter cookies.  
Congratulations to all participants!



### Quote of the Week!

**"All you need is love.  
But a little chocolate  
now and then doesn't  
hurt"**

**-Charles M. Schulz**

### Construction Progress:





# In Other News...



## ***Band soars through ATSSB and UIL***

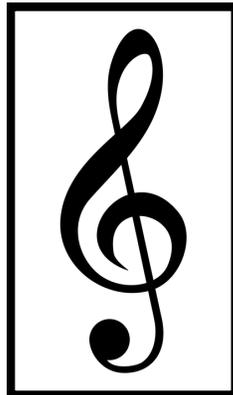
*Reporter Jarrett Pistole*

The Holland HS Band is doing exceptionally well this year in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contests as well as the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB), with many State qualifiers in each field. In ATSSB, State qualifiers are French Hornist Idalia Medina and Tubist Jarrett Pistole, who will participate in this year's Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention in San Antonio from February 13-16. This will be Jarrett's second year to participate in the TMEA State convention and Idalia's THIRD year, which is an enormous feat.

"I'm glad to be a part of it again," says Pistole. "You get to play with the best musicians in the state. And what's even better: the

fact that you're there with them makes you one of the best."

"The happiness I feel when performing with the ATSSB All-State Band is almost indescribable," says Idalia, "I am truly overjoyed to be going back."



In UIL, many students tried out for the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest, where each musician plays a piece in front of a judge, and if the piece is a class 1 solo (the hardest difficulty) and the musician makes a division 1 on the piece (highest score possible) while playing the piece from memory, then that student is eligible to perform their solo or ensemble a second time at the State UIL S&E at Pflugerville later in the year. The state qualifiers are:

Idalia Medina, Jarrett Pistole, Drew Rendon, Sarah Baggerly, Joseph Kriczky, and Nathan Von Stosch.

Congratulations, band, and good luck!

## ***Setting the Stage***

*Editor-In-Chief Cody Norville*

The Holland High School UIL One Act Play team's season is getting ready to commence, and they are ready to take the challenge. After three months of rehearsals and a clinic, the group prepares for their District contest on March 8 at Cameron Yoe High School.

"So far, everything seems to be going well," said sophomore cast member Megan DePew. "We have all become a family, which is great. That's what OAP is all about."

The team's show this year is *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a play set in 1940's Brooklyn. It involves a duo of old sisters who like to poison men and bury them in their basement. The play is a classic comedy with lots of hilarity and chaos.

"I am enjoying the show this year, because it is so much fun to rehearse and perform," said senior cast member Sydney Sanders. "OAP is fun already, but having such a fun play only adds to the enjoyment."



Last Saturday, February 10, the group traveled to Caldwell High School for a One Act Play invitational clinic festival. They performed the show for 2 clinicians who then judged the play and gave the team members critiques.

"I had a great time," said senior member Shane Johnson. "It gave us all a chance to make mistakes and learn from them before the 'real deal'. It was definitely a beneficial experience."

The district contest will be held at Cameron Yoe High School on March 8. At this contest, a judge watches all schools perform and then chooses three shows to advance to the Bi-District round.

"OAP is a family," said Sanders. "One of the best things about it is being able to welcome the new faces every year and create a true family. It's unlike any other school group you in which you can participate."

As always, the Holland OAP Team hopes to have a successful season.



# Hornets



## Holland's Got Talent

Reporter *Maycee Anderson*

The leadership class hosted their 2nd annual talent show this year! The event was held on Saturday, January 27th and was located in Holland's cafeteria. Entry fees were \$5 and all proceeds went to benefit 3rd grader Jacob Kanka. Approximately \$400 was raised.

Many students participated in the event with very unique talents such as singing, dancing, and even nose whistling!

One of the shows participants, Freshman Theresa Brown, talks about the improvements from the year before to the present year.

"In order to perform last year, you needed to bring your own music on a disk so it could be played during the show. This year, all we had to do was let Mrs. Cleveland know what songs we needed in order to perform and she added it to a playlist that would later be played. The show altogether went by smoother and quicker than last year as well."

This year, four of the participants placed in the talent show. Third place winners were Molley Taisler and Hope Keaveny. Both girls stole the audience's hearts with their songs and talent. Secondly, sophomore



Litzy Cipriano placed by singing as well. Finally, the 1st place winner was freshman Selah Kurtz, who wrote her own song, sang it, and played music she wrote for the song on a piano!

"I really had some tough competition, so I'm thankful for how it went," said Kurtz. Kurtz wrote and performed an original song she wrote herself.

"It really is interesting to see how a song can start with a few simple chords and then become something really special," said Kurtz.

"Writing is something I enjoy very much."

The talent show takes a lot of courage and confidence. Thank you to all contestants who practiced and went out of their way to perform!

## What Does Your Future Hold?

Reporter *Christa Reagan*

Career Day 2018 for Holland High School was on January 11th. Career Day's main purpose is to help students learn and become more familiar with their career of interest. Many people visited the school to inform students of their specified profession. Careers discussed were veterinarian, nurse, cosmetologist, dental hygienist, criminal justice careers, meteorologist, restaurant owner, EMT, fireman, chiropractor, marketing careers, army, navy, agriculture business, entrepreneur, welding technology, HEB manager, culinary, cyber security, computer industry careers. Students also had the option of receiving information on universities of their interest. Colleges presented on Career Day were Baylor University, Texas A&M University, Temple College, University of Texas, University of Houston, McLennan Community College, University of North Texas, Sam Houston State University, Tarleton University, Texas State Technical College, Texas State University, and (most importantly) Texas Tech.

Megan DePew, a sophomore here at HHS, said, "I think showing students leadership skills through these careers pave a path to their bright futures. One of the careers I enjoyed learning more about and listening to was the police officer. They were very hands on with their demonstrations and explaining what they do day after day."

Career Day brings many opportunities for students to get a better understanding of what they want to do with their future. It is important to realize that even though Career Day is exciting and fun, it is also a matter to take seriously. Many students did so by asking specific questions of their own, which ultimately demonstrates a true commitment to wanting to find the career or university of their dreams. Kudos to the students who really engaged in the event and brought their well thought out questions to the surface!

The Buzz staff wishes you a Happy Valentines Day and a bright future right here from good ole' Holland, America!



# FYI



## Upcoming Events

- Seniors, turn in your senior picture order forms
- Sophomores and juniors interested in taking TC classes next year, sign up in the office
- Benchmark testing will be on Wednesday, February 21
- Boys and Girls state applications are due on the 19th

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## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to:

- Our basketball teams on very successful seasons
- Our UIL Film and Animation team for making the semi-finals
- Our state band qualifiers
- Our participants in the Bell County Youth Fair

Our FCCLA folks:

- 1st place in Parliamentary Procedures
- 3rd place in Teens in the Driver's Seat
- 5th in Promote and Publicize FCCLA
- Macie Carter made Regional Officer

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# Fun Page

